

Having described the invention, what is claimed is as follows:

1. A ferrule for removably connecting first and second sections of a fishing rod,  
comprising,  
a tubular body having openings at tubular first and second ends adapted to  
receive joining ends of said first and second fishing rod sections,  
respectively, the tubular body first end affixed to said first fishing rod  
section joining end,  
a pliant, mildly adhesive liner secured inside the tubular body second end,  
adapted to releasably engage said fishing rod second section end received  
therein such that the fishing rod second section is retained in the tubular  
body second end by the pliant, mildly adhesive liner until removed under  
pulling force of a user.
2. The ferrule of claim 1 wherein the body is resiliently flexible with a stiffness  
approximately equal to the fishing rod sections.
3. The ferrule of claim 1 wherein the ferrule tubular body second end with liner  
secured therein is adapted to receive and removably engage said end of said  
second section of said fishing rod configured with nonsmooth outer surface, the  
liner resiliently conforming to the nonsmooth end of said surface in grasping the  
second section end in joining the section ends and yielding under force of  
removing the second section end in separating the sections.
4. A fishing rod including at least two sections connecting at section ends, the  
improvement comprising,

- a ferrule affixed to a first section end and having a tubular opening opposite  
2 the first section end,  
a pliant, mildly adhesive liner secured within the first section end within its  
4 tubular opening adapted to releasably engage the second section end upon  
receiving it therein.
- 6 5. The fishing rod of claim 4 wherein the second section end further comprises a  
nonsmooth outer surface, the liner conforming around the outer surface of the  
8 second section end in releasably clasping it therein impeding unintentional  
separation of the sections while yielding under pulling of force of removal.
- 10 6. The fishing rod of claim 5 wherein the nonsmooth surface comprises a line  
wrapped in a plurality of wounds around the second section end.
- 12 7. The fishing rod of claim 5 wherein the nonsmooth surface comprises at least one  
annular ridges circumferential around the second section end.
- 14 8. The fishing rod of claim 6 further comprising a coating over the wounds.
- 16 9. The fishing rod of claim 4 wherein the ferrule includes an attachment end with a  
bore receiving the first section end in axial alignment with the second section  
received into the ferrule tubular opening.
- 18 10. The fishing rod of claim 8 further comprising a nonsmooth surface with adhesive  
permanently adhering the nonsmooth surface to the ferrule within the ferrule bore.
- 20 11. The fishing rod of claim 4 wherein ferrule adapts a first section to connection to a  
second section of different cross section wherein the cross section of the tubular  
22 opening comprises a plurality of equal-length lines forming the circumference of  
the tubular opening.

12. The fishing rod of claim 10 wherein the tubular opening is pentagonal.
- 2 13. The fishing rod of claim 10 wherein the tubular opening is octagonal..
14. The fishing rod of claim 10 wherein the cross section of the first section is
- 4 circular.

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